



**Monday, October 19, 2020  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 32-20  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

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**THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Bridget Donnell Newton	Mayor	Present
Monique Ashton	Councilmember	Present
Beryl L. Feinberg	Councilmember	Present
David Myles	Councilmember	Present
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	Present

**1. Convene**

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The Mayor and Council convened in Open Session at 6:13p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020, via WebEx.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, City Attorney Cynthia Walters, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda Review**

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City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell reported no changes to the Agenda.

**4. City Manager's Report**

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City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: The City of Rockville is embarking on a process to develop its first Climate Action Plan. The City encourages all residents to share their vision for the plan by taking a survey at [www.rockvillemd.gov/climate](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/climate). Residents will find details regarding the City's Climate Action Plan online and will sponsor an open house from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Fall leaf collection is underway until December 18.

The Rockville Senior Center has been awarded \$6,720 to purchase shelf stable, staple foods from the Manna food center through January 31, 2021. A special thank you to Montgomery County for awarding this grant and kudos to the Senior Center Staff on the grant.

Due to COVID-19, the Recreation and Parks Department has created several safe, festive alternative Halloween activities. Please visit <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/2336/Halloween-Happenings> for a detailed list of fun, socially distant Halloween activities.

Finally, Census data collection operations officially ceased nationwide on October 15 and on the 16th at 6 a.m. for the East Coast. The census self- Response rate is as follow: National: 67%, Maryland: 71.2%, Rockville:76.9%.

## 5. COVID-19 Update

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Emergency Manager Dr. Mark Landahl provided an update of the COVID-19 impact on the City, County and State.

### FURTHER DISCUSSION:

October 19, 2020 Agenda Item 5.

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## 6. Proclamation

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### A. Economic Development Week Proclamation

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the Proclamation declaring October 19-23 as Economic Development Week.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

## 7. Charter Review Commission Appointments and Announcement

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton announced the following appointments to the Charter Review Commission:

Fred Evans (Chair), John Becker, Dave Gottesman, Harold Hodges, Jack Kelly, Krishna Kumar, Anita Powell, Judy Rudolph, Izola Shaw, Marissa Valeri, Robert Wright, and Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, who will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

## 8. Community Forum

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Name	Topic
Drew Powell, President Rockville Sister Cities Corp.	Agenda item 11F Pinneberg Sister City Agreement
John Becker	Thanking Staff, RCPD, Rockville Metro Station, Town Center and James Monroe Park Vehicular and motorcycle noise in town center.
Judy Rudolph	Agenda items #14 Undergrounding of MD 355 Agenda item #15 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Rockville Station Study Scope

## 9. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum

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Mayor and Council thanked all speakers for their participation in Community Forum.

## 10. Public Hearing on Zoning Text Amendment TXT2020-00257, to Amend Article 10 of the Zoning Ordinance to Establish a New Section Titled "Design Guidelines" to Implement the Draft East Rockville Design Guidelines and Standards; Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicants

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Chief of Long Range Planning, Andrea Gilles provided a brief overview of the Zoning Text Amendment TXT2020-00257.

The public hearing opened at 6:50 p.m. The following individuals presented testimony:

Name
Deborah Landau, President East Rockville Civic Association
Jody Bleiberg
Daniel Carelli
Michael Dutka
Dan and Jodi Volk
Stephanie F. Yoffee
Kashi Way
Chas Hausheer
Katherine Smyth

The complete testimony of this evening's speakers can be found in the official Public Hearing file of the Mayor and Council in the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations office. The Public Hearing closed at 6:56 p.m.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION:**

October 19, 2020 Agenda Item 10.

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**11. Consent**

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**A. Revisions to Face Covering Policy for COVID-19 Pandemic**

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Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to approve with amendments.

	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	David Myles, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

**B. Approval to Increase Baltimore County Contract #B-1101 Rider, On-Call Stormwater Management Services and Environmental Restoration Services, to Apex Companies, LLC in the Amount Not to Exceed \$350,000**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to approve Item B on the Consent Agenda.

	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

- C. Award of a Special Procurement Contract for Construction Phase Engineering Services for the Rockville Intermodal Access: Baltimore Road CIP Project, to Rummel, Klepper, and Kahl, LLP, in the Amount Not to Exceed \$144,102.35.**
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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to approve Item C on the Consent Agenda.

	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

- D. Award of Contract for R11 MC Office Renovation/PEG Studio Set Build**
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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to approve Item D on the Consent Agenda.

	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

- E. Award of IFB #01-19, Rockville Intermodal Access: Baltimore Road Improvements, to Locust Lane Farms, Inc. of Upper Marlboro, MD in the Amount Not to Exceed \$5,809,224.12**
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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to approve Item E on the Consent Agenda.

	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

**FURTHER DISCUSSION:**

October 19, 2020 Agenda Item 11.

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**F. City of Rockville, Maryland and Pinneberg, Germany Sister City Agreement**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved Item F on the Consent Agenda.

	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

**13. Discussion on the 2020 Charter Review Commission Scope of Work**

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Mayor and Council discussion to determine the scope of work for the Charter Review Commission. Staff will prepare a draft resolution and bring back to the Mayor and Council for adoption of the scope of work to be performed by the Charter Review Commission.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to direct City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor Ferrell to prepare a list of items discussed to include in the scope of work including public involvement and the goal to finish work on or before June 2022.

<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

Agenda Item 13

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**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:05 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 9:10 P.M.**

#### **14. Undergrounding of MD 355**

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Director of Public Works, Craig Simoneau provided a brief presentation of potentially undergrounding or Maryland State Route 355 (Rockville Pike) in Town Center. Staff recommend that the Mayor and Council discuss undergrounding MD 355 and other related items, provide feedback on whether to pursue this concept or other related concepts and how this should be communicated to the state who owns the road, and other related parties.

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

Agenda Item 14

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#### **15. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Rockville Station Study Scope**

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Principal Planner Clark Larson provided a brief overview and introduced WMATA presenters Vice President of Real Estate and Parking Nina Albert, Program Manager Steven Segerlin, Special Assistant to the Director of Montgomery County Department of Transportation Gary Erlich, Rapid Transit System Development Manager for Montgomery County Joann Conklin, Executive Director of REDI Cindy Rivarde, and Assistant Director of Planning and Economic, Services David Levy.

Staff recommends Mayor and Council hold a discussion with WMATA, City and County staff on the proposed project scope to study the Rockville Station and indicate support of the scope, which will initiate the study under the WMATA FY2021 Project Development Program.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

Agenda Item 15

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**16. FY20 Minority, Female, and Disabled-Owned Businesses (MFD) Program Update**

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Principal Buyer Pat Ryan provided an overview of the FY20 Minority, Female and Disabled-Owned Businesses (MFD) program update.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive the MFD year end FY20 report.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

Agenda Item 16.

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**17. Vacancy Report/Hiring Freeze Status**

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Human Resources Director Karen Marshall provided an update to the current vacancy/hiring freeze report as of September 30, 2020.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

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**18. Review and Comment - Mayor and Council Action Report**

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The Mayor and Council reviewed the Action Report.

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**19. Review and Comment - Future Agendas**

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The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

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**20. Old/New Business**

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There was no Old/New Business.

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**21. Adjournment**

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.



**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember

**IN FAVOR:** Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg,  
Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala